



Arlington Recycling Committee Minutes

Date: *February 21, 2019*

Time: *7:30*

Location: *Town Hall Annex*

Attendance

Members: *Juli Brazile, Larry Slotnick, Sarah Kmetz, Paul Goldberg, Priya Sankalia*

Associates: *Allison LaValley, Maris Newman, Jim Ballin*

Visitors: *Sarah Hill, Karen Einstein*

Charlotte Milan unable to attend.

Draft Minutes

1. *Introductions. We had a new visitor Sarah Hill who read about the Committee in the newspaper and came to check it out. Karen Einstein (former member) also joined for the first half of the meeting.*
2. *January minutes approved*
3. *Larry spoke to Allison and Jim's interest in joining the Committee. They have both become active project participants, and have been attending meetings for a few months. We unanimously voted both onto the Committee.*
4. *Proposed by-law amendment. Maris supplied a handout with feedback on the the name change and the Purpose and Mission section of our proposed amendment:*
 - a. *People voted on names - what they liked or didn't. The Committee unanimously voted on "Zero Waste Arlington."*
 - b. *Discussion on number of members. Language needs to be added for up to 10 members (from 8) plus Charlotte, making 11 persons.*
 - c. *Discussion on membership length/term; if we should make the appointment for 2 years; what happens about re-appointment. We need to tighten up our term limits and follow them. (Side project: Larry will produce a summary of ARC membership over the recent years with terms information for each member.) Maris will update the proposed by-law and Larry and Maris will work with Doug Heim on language. Juli suggested that we should keep the limit to 3 years, since that corresponds to all other Committees and Town Meeting members.*
 - d. *Section 3 on Cost Effectiveness will be removed from the updated bylaw.*
 - e. *Larry suggested we Include phrase "among other actions" in re-wording of the Purpose and Mission part of the bylaw to keep our*

- options open . Group discussed the options that were proposed and Maris will work on putting all high points into the mission statement.*
5. *Proposed polystyrene ban. Juli shared a draft FAQ and discussed it and why we should limit what we ban at retail stores. Maybe we can try additional retail store polystyrene bans in two years?*
 - a. *Reaching out to restaurants - use Laura Kiesel's notes from the recent plastic bag ban. Let's be proactive and ask restaurants what they think about straws. What are all the plastics they use? Ask if they've started looking at compostable products so that they know that this might be coming*
 - b. *Lexington is going all the way ... but we may not be ready for this.*
 - c. *Acceptable alternative - can we bring our own containers - check with DPH (Public Health)*
 - d. *We need to have information about alternatives for foam.*
 - e. *When this ban passes Town Meeting we should involve Town Day Committee in this so we have continued support.*
 - f. *Other ideas of how we can bring changes to the restaurant business - ideas on how we can give them credit for doing environmentally good things.*
 - g. *We could get endorsements from other Town Organizations that would support this - let's get their support.*
 - h. *Paul will create a script for talking to the businesses; Larry will set up a spreadsheet that maps out food establishments that we should visit block by block, bringing a FAQ sheet; update website*
 - i. *Is there any research on how much people use the plastics that they receive in take out (utensils and straws?)*
 6. *Sustainable Arlington is running EcoFest - Larry talked about how they are emphasizing Power - it's called Power Day; and the week-long event in April is going to be called Eco Week. We are tabling at Power Day. Priya will set up a Sign Up Genius for the event (2 people per shift). We should talk about upcoming things - Eco Week; polystyrene ban; updated mission. Waste to energy - let's bring that in.*
 - a. *Eco Week calendar*
 - b. *Set aside \$1000 for Eco Week film if it happens. The committee voted in favor (5-0) of spending this money for the film.*
 7. *Juli filled us in on what she has learned on the state level from legislation that Rep Dave Rogers intends to introduce.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 21st at 7:30.